

Appl. No. 10/070,342
Amdt. dated 3 July 2003
Reply to Office action of 7-Apr-03

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

In response to the Patent Office examiner's Office Action mailed 07 April 2003, please amend the above-captioned case as follows. The undersigned encourages the examiner to call at a time convenient to the examiner in the event it is believed that a conversation might aid moving prosecution forward. This amendment has been formatted in the revised format pursuant to published notification by the Patent Office signed by Commissioner Godici on 20-Feb-03, as best as can be understood using the SAMPLE FORMAT (Rev. 2/03) accessed at www.uspto.gov.

Amendments to the Specification reflecting the examiner's suggestions to make minor editorial modifications begin on page 3 of this correspondence; on page 4 of this correspondence is the **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE** filed with applicant's PCT international application PCT/US00/23874, and included herewith per request by the examiner.

Amendments to the Claims included as a listing of claims reflecting the examiner's suggestions to make minor clarification modifications, and the examiner's recommendation to place the allowed claims 8 – 11 in independent form, begins on page 5 of this correspondence.

No amendments to the drawings are deemed necessary, please see **Remarks** addressing the examiner's objection to the drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this correspondence.

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There is **no fee** required for this amendment. However, in the event it is determined that any amount is due as a result of these amendments, any such amount is to be charged to deposit account no. 020725. A duplicate copy of this first page is enclosed, *if required*.

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Attached please find our response to your Office action mailed
7-Apr-03. Faxed separately, will be a 2-page Declaration under R
Rule 131 along with 7 pages of thesis taken from the provisional
application ATTACHMENT B.

Thank you,
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